

REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

Claims 2, 4, 5, 7-13, 15, and 16 are pending. Claims 1, and 32-34 have been canceled without prejudice and without disclaimer. Claims 2, 5, 9, and 10 have been amended. No new matter has been introduced. Applicant believes the claims comply with 35 U.S.C. § 112.

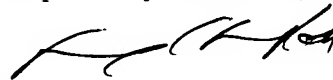
Applicant notes with appreciation the allowance of claims 13, 15, and 16. the indicated allowability of claims 2, 4, 5, 7, 8, and 10-12 if rewritten in independent form including all of the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims. Claim 2 has been rewritten in independent form. Thus, claim 2, and claims 4, 5, and 7-9 depending therefrom, are allowable. Claim 10 has been rewritten in independent form. Therefore, claim 10, and claims 1-12 depending therefrom, are allowable.

CONCLUSION

In view of the foregoing, Applicant believes all claims now pending in this Application are in condition for allowance. The issuance of a formal Notice of Allowance at an early date is respectfully requested.

If the Examiner believes a telephone conference would expedite prosecution of this application, please telephone the undersigned at 650-326-2400.

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